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PRODUCTION OF RICE IN N.E. STATES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed and achieved for production of rice in Assam and other North- Eastern States during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(b) the reasons for the shortfall; and

(c) the special Central assistance given to Assam and other NE States for increasing of rice yield?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): The targets vis-Ã -vis achievement of rice production in Assam and other NEStates for the year 1999-2000 and target for 2000-01 are as follows:-

Rice Production (lakh tonnes)

State	1999-2000		2000-2001
	Target	Achiev	Target
Assam	34.50	32.55	34.50
Arunachal Pradesh	1.50	1.14	1.50
Mizoram	1.05	1.09	2.00
Meghalaya	1.50	1.50	1.55
Manipur	3.60	3.82	4.50
Nagaland	1.90	2.08	2.50
Tripura	4.25	4.92	6.00
Sikkim	0.25	0.22	0.25
	48.55	47.32	52.80

However, final estimates of products for the year 2000-2001 are made available in Dec./2001 only.

During 1999-2000 due to vagaries of monsoon production target could not be achieved in some of the States. However, the overall shortfall as compared to achievement is insignificant.

(c): The financial assistance provided to Assam and other North Eastern States underthe Centrally Sponsored Scheme of ICDP-Rice are as follows:-

Amount released (Rs. in lakhs)

State	99-2000	2000-2001
Assam	45.00	20.50
Arunachal Pradesh	37.45	5.50
Mizoram	29.27	7.00
Meghalaya	32.00	3.00
Manipur	63.83	8.00
Nagaland	58.00	7.70

Tripura 65.05 6.70

The release for the year 2000-01 is upto 4th October, 2000 thereafter Macro Management Mode of Scheme implementation have been launched with a view to provide flexibility to the States so as the States could adopt components most suited to their agro-climatic conditions.